



San Juan County Commission

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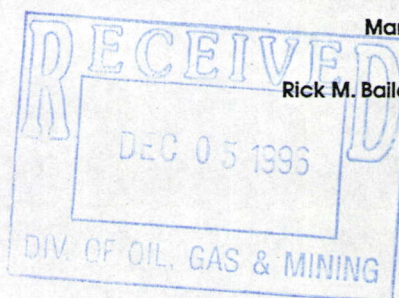
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Re: Summo USA Corporation-Lisbon Valley Copper Mine Project-M/037/088 (UTU-72499)

San Juan County is well aware of the Summo mining proposal. We have reviewed the project on several occasions with the BLM, and the Summo Project Manager, Mr. Bob Prescott.

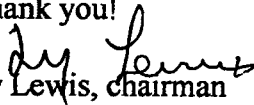
We have discussed air quality, water related issues, roads, and other mining impacts with the company in detail. In fact San Juan County has a person assigned to track this project, as well as coordinate the project with the Board of Commissioners. We have provided much information to the environmental contractor Woodward/Clyde that was included in the EIS.

This project will benefit San Juan County from an economic point of view. We also believe that impacts to the environment will be minimal when considering the stipulations that the company has agreed to in their proposed mining plan. We believe visual resources, water quality, and air quality impacts will be minimal considering this area has had heavy mining activity in the past 50 or 60 years.

In addition to the above, San Juan County is working with the Summo in relation to access needs, and possible needs for road upgrades.

If you have any further question concerning this matter please contact Ed Scherick, (801)587-3225.

Thank you!


Ty Lewis, chairman
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